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Subject: Proposed Standard Treatment Measures- Neighborhood Enhancement Program

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer,

I am writing to seek your concurrence of a proposed Treatment Standard as relates to properties enrolled in the Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) funded with Housing and Urban Development Community Block Grant – Disaster Recovery funds. This program is administered by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs through a grant issued to the State of New Jersey.

Pursuant to HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58.4," *Assumption Authority for responsible entities: General:* "Responsible Entities shall assume the responsibility for environmental review, decision-making, and action that would otherwise apply to HUD under NEPA and other provisions of law that further the purposes of NEPA..."

The State of New Jersey is the responsible entity and the Commissioner of Community Affairs has been delegated as the responsible entity for the purpose of assumption of authority for the purpose of the Community Development Block Grant- Disaster Recovery Grant Program. The Department of Environmental Protection has been delegated as the state entity responsible for environmental reviews through an MOU between DEP and DCA which authorizes and charges DEP with performing these reviews.

I, as Director of the DEP's Sandy Recovery Environmental and Historic Preservation Review Program, function as the "Environmental Review Officer" charged with the responsibility for implementing the environmental and historic preservation review program for the CDBG-DR Program on behalf of the DEP and DCA.

The NEP Program provides grant Neighborhood Enhancement Program provides funding to stabilize "threatened but viable" neighborhoods, through the creation of affordable housing. The Program is intended to be a component of local plans to invest in and rebuild these communities. It funds the rehabilitation or re-use of abandoned, foreclosed and vacant housing, structures or lots and addresses the shortage of affordable housing caused by the storm, while at the same time returning blighted buildings to viability. The program provides zero percent loans to eligible entities that will create for sale or rental housing units through either rehabilitation or redevelopment. The program will provide up to $250,000 in subsidy per unit (based on need and bedroom size). The maximum award will be $1,750,000.

The properties listed on the attached spreadsheets have been determined by you as the Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer to either have a known adverse effect or require further consultation to determine if they are eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

For the properties requiring additional assessment, I am proposing that they be treated as eligible properties pursuant to Stipulation IIC(3)(c) of the Programmatic Agreement among FEMA, New Jersey State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), the New Jersey State Office of Emergency Management, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, the Delaware Nation, the Delaware Tribe of Indians, the Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, and the Stockbridge Munsee Band of Mohicans and DCA.

We anticipate that activities funded under the NEP Program will adversely affect historic properties that are present. Therefore, based upon the anticipated project activities of the RREM Program and LRRP, the DEP on behalf of the DCA is proposing to implement the following standard mitigation treatment to mitigate the anticipated adverse effects to the historic properties identified on the attached spreadsheet.

DCA proposes to set aside $3,000 per property for undertakings that will have an adverse effect on above-ground structures; and $6,000 per property for activities involving ground disturbance that will have an adverse effect on archaeological sites into a mitigation account. These mitigation funds will be used to complete public interpretation and historical context statements and narratives as specified in Standard Mitigation Treatments D and E of Appendix C of the Programmatic Agreement. The specific scope of these mitigation treatments will be developed through additional consultation between DCA, DEP, and HPO.

If you concur with this finding, I will provide notice to the respective municipalities and homeowners of this proposed Standard of Treatment and provide for a 15-day comment period as provided for in Section D – Public Participation and Section E – Timeframes, of the Programmatic Agreement.

Sincerely,

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✓ I Concur with the Standard Mitigation Treatments proposed above.
____I do not concur for the following reasons:

/Km 3/18/2014

Daniel D. Saunders Date
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
Attachment

NEP #	HPO Project #	HPO Log In #	Street Address	Municipality	County	Architecture
NEP0230a	14-1669		303 Sumner Street	Middle Township	Cape May	No
NEP0230b	14-1670		311 Sumner Street	Middle Township	Cape May	No
NEP0230c	14-1671		101 West Anna Street	Middle Township	Cape May	No
NEP0230d	14-1672		209 Reeves Street	Middle Township	Cape May	No